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1. Varnsdorf (051/ F 87)

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A detachment of 40 soldiers arrived by train on 5 May 1952 and was marched to recently prepared military billets.¹⁾ The soldiers have worked since then on demolition of obsolete buildings in the town. A military 3-ton truck, [REDACTED] was observed standing in front of the billets. Another 3-ton truck, [REDACTED] was observed passing through the town. The [REDACTED] driver and three soldiers had black epaulets.

2. Brno-Kralove (051/ G 71)

- On 9 June 1952 a Russian general wearing black trousers with wide-seam stripes, white blouse and white cap, about 60 years old, was observed walking through the town. Another Russian officer was seen standing in front of the army radio production plant.
- On the road leading to Novy Brudec Kralove (051/ G 70) a column of about 120 marching soldiers was observed. Two groups of soldiers, each of about 40 men, carrying books and notebooks, received instruction on the banks of the Orlice river on the southern outskirts of the town.
- Training flights were performed with conventional types of planes. Only one high speed fighter plane with wings swept back was observed over the town.

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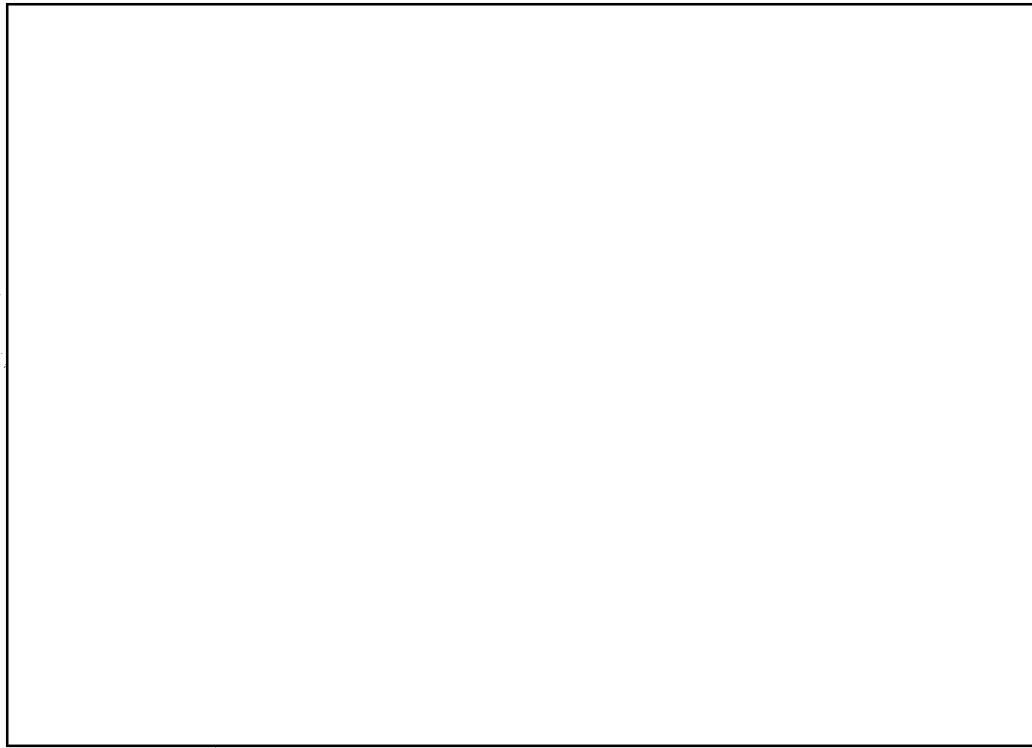
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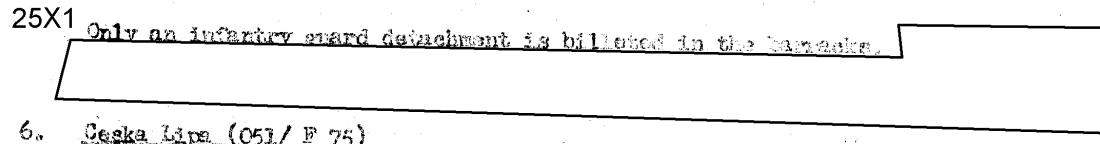
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3. Trentsch (051/ G 74)

a. On 18 June 1952 six medium tanks covered with tarpaulins and about 20 trucks were observed in the courtyard of the garrison located in Tschekovska ulice.

4. Hostinne (051/ G 64)

On 19 June 1952 three companies, each of 40 men, had a drill with rifles and fixed bayonets in the vicinity of a military camp containing wooden huts located on the eastern outskirts of the town.

5. Amburk (051/ F 78)5/6. Ceska Lipa (051/ F 75)

The garrison was transferred in 1948 to the Military Training Center at Svitavy (051/ F 94). The former military barracks were turned into a vulcanization plant.

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7. Zabruš (051/ F.25)

There are no troops at present billeted in the town. The local castle is being adapted for military billets. Three blocks of flats are being built for accommodation of officers.

8. Minor (051/ F.25)

Aside from a military administrative office there are no military installations in the town. On 6 and 7 June 1952 heavy air traffic was observed. Most of the planes were of an old type. One flight of three newer models flew over the ground. They were painted on the upper side with brown and green patches and on the lower side pale gray-blue. The landing gears were pulled in.

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9. Liberec (051/ G.16)

On 21 June 1952 a group of about 100 soldiers with notebooks received instructions out of doors in the area of the new barracks. Artillery and anti-aircraft were observed in the town. The civil airfield was taken over in 1951 by the air force. The airfield has a grass surface only. A few 3-seating planes were observed taking off and flying over the town. There was also one other instruction-type plane making short flights.

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10. Stary Boleslav (051/ F 90)7

On 20 May 1952 at 6 p.m. three groups of 20 men each were parading in the courtyard of the new casernes. Early next morning troops were seen in formation on the training ground adjoining the new casernes. Through both days [redacted] practice with small arms was heard from a nearby forest.

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11. Brandys nad Labem (051/ L 09)

The former cavalry casernes are no longer used for military purposes.

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12. Kostelec nad Labem (051/ F 80)8

Only a few troops seem to be billeted in the casernes. Guards patrol the barracks, and this gives the impression that the casernes are used as guard quarters. A Tatra passenger car [redacted] occupied by a staff captain and a driver drove to the casernes on 22 May 1952.

13. Parachute Jumps near Syro (051/ F 86)

On 6 June 1952 at 10 a.m. parachute jumps were observed in the area of Syro. Jumps were made from a side door of two Ju-52 planes at an altitude height of 1,000 meters. About 15 soldiers jumped from each plane.

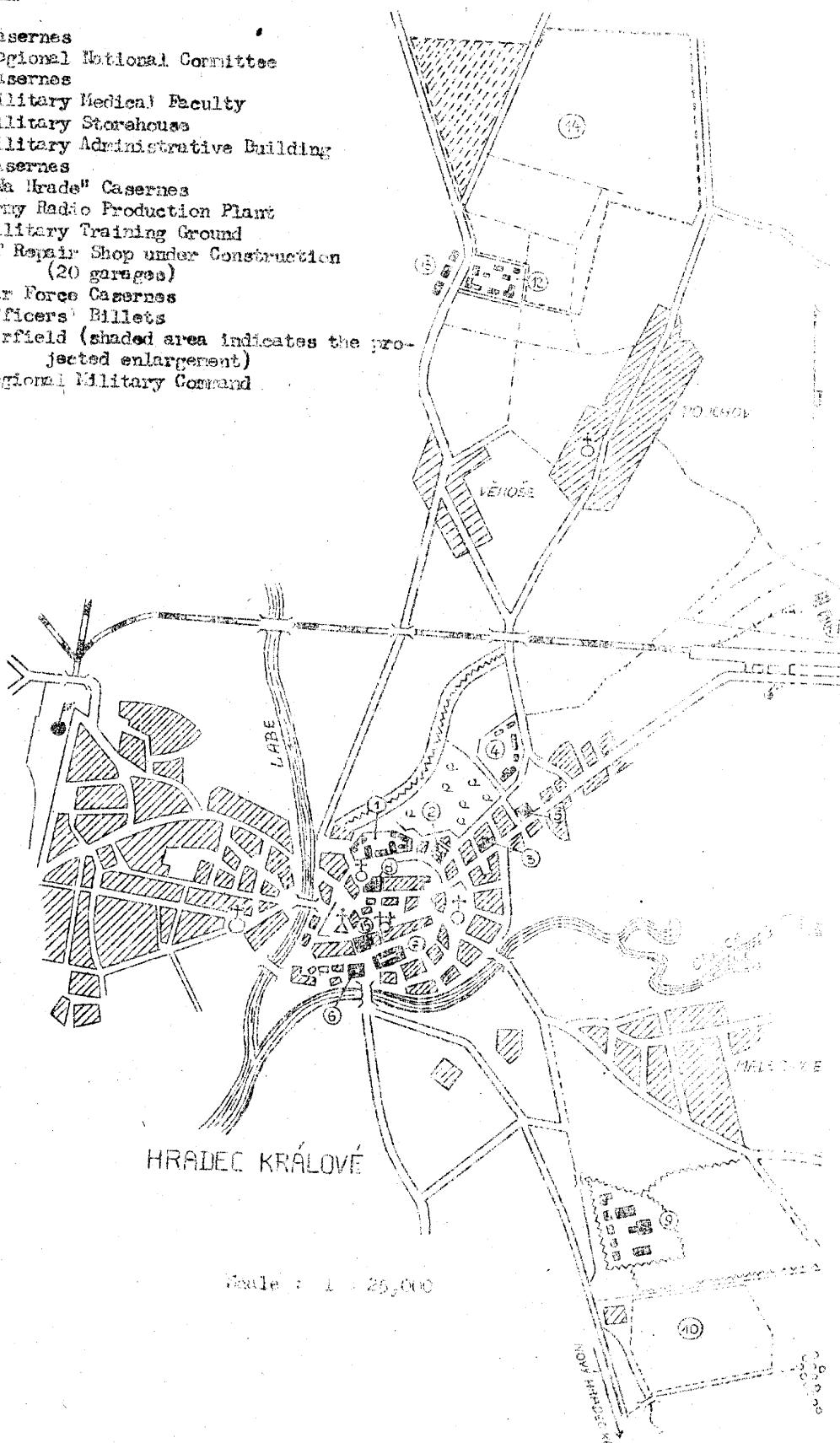
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ATTACHMENT 1

Legend:

- 1 - Casernes
- 2 - Regional National Committee
- 3 - Casernes
- 4 - Military Medical Faculty
- 5 - Military Storehouse
- 6 - Military Administrative Building
- 7 - Casernes
- 8 - "Na Hrade" Casernes
- 9 - Army Radio Production Plant
- 10 - Military Training Ground
- 11 - MT Repair Shop under Construction
(20 garages)
- 12 - Air Force Casernes
- 13 - Officers' Billets
- 14 - Airfield (shaded area indicates the projected enlargement)
- 15 - Regional Military Command



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25X1 [redacted] Comment: The preparation of these billets was **previously reported**.

Comment: It should be noted that Varnsdorf is a border town and air flights across it must also cross East German and Polish territory.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: For a plan of the military installations see attachment 1.

Comment: In 1947 the reported barracks were storehouses for the **border corps** equipment. A reserve officers' school for quartermasters was in the town.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: For the location of military barracks see attachment 2.

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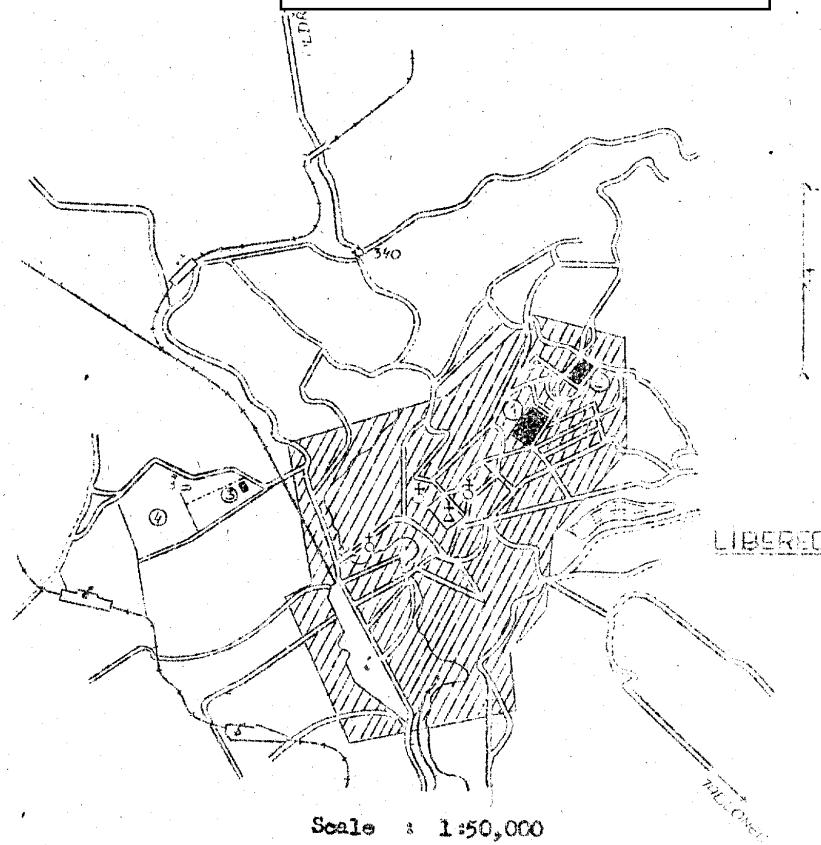
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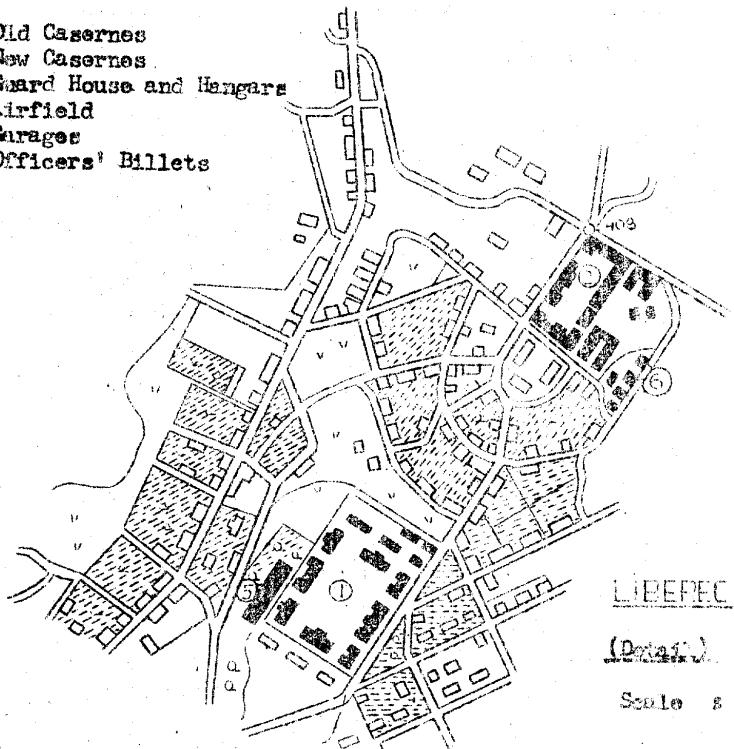
ATTACHMENT 3.



Scale : 1:50,000

Legend

- 1 - Old Casernes
- 2 - New Casernes
- 3 - Guard House and Hangars
- 4 - Airfield
- 5 - Garages
- 6 - Officers' Billets



(Detail)

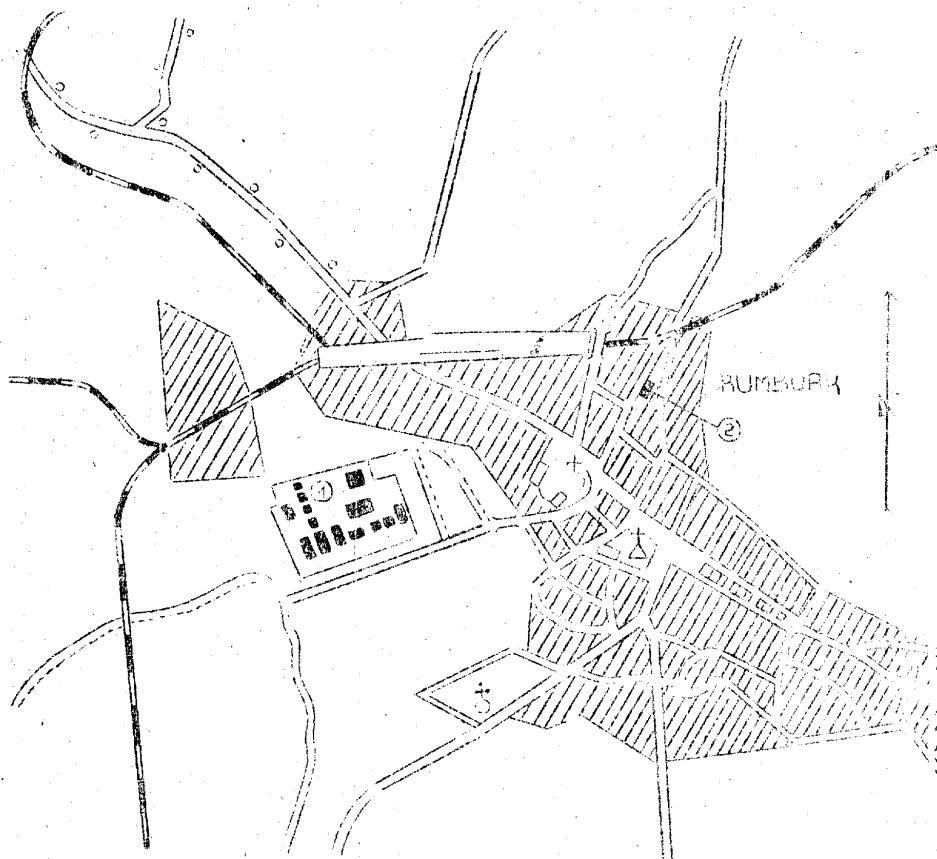
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ATTACHMENT 2



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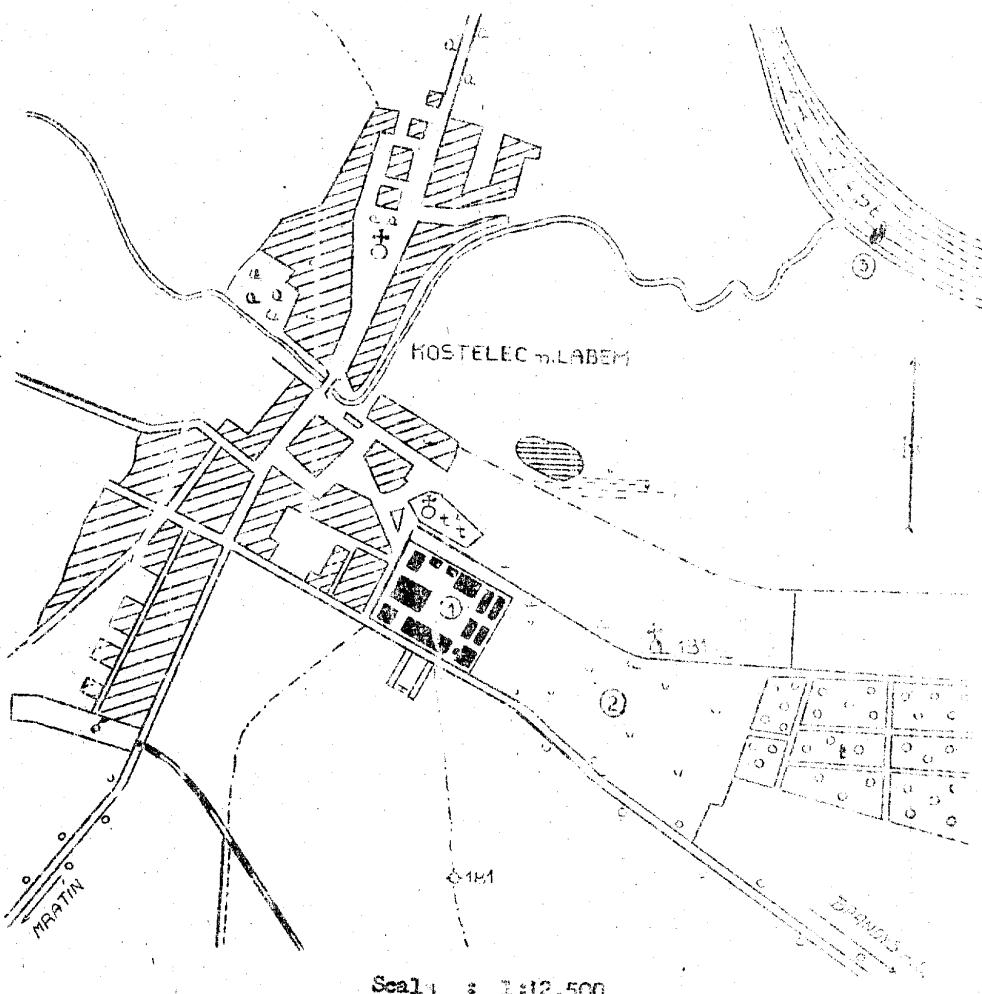
- 1 - Military Barracks
- 2 - District Military Command

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ATTACHMENT 5.



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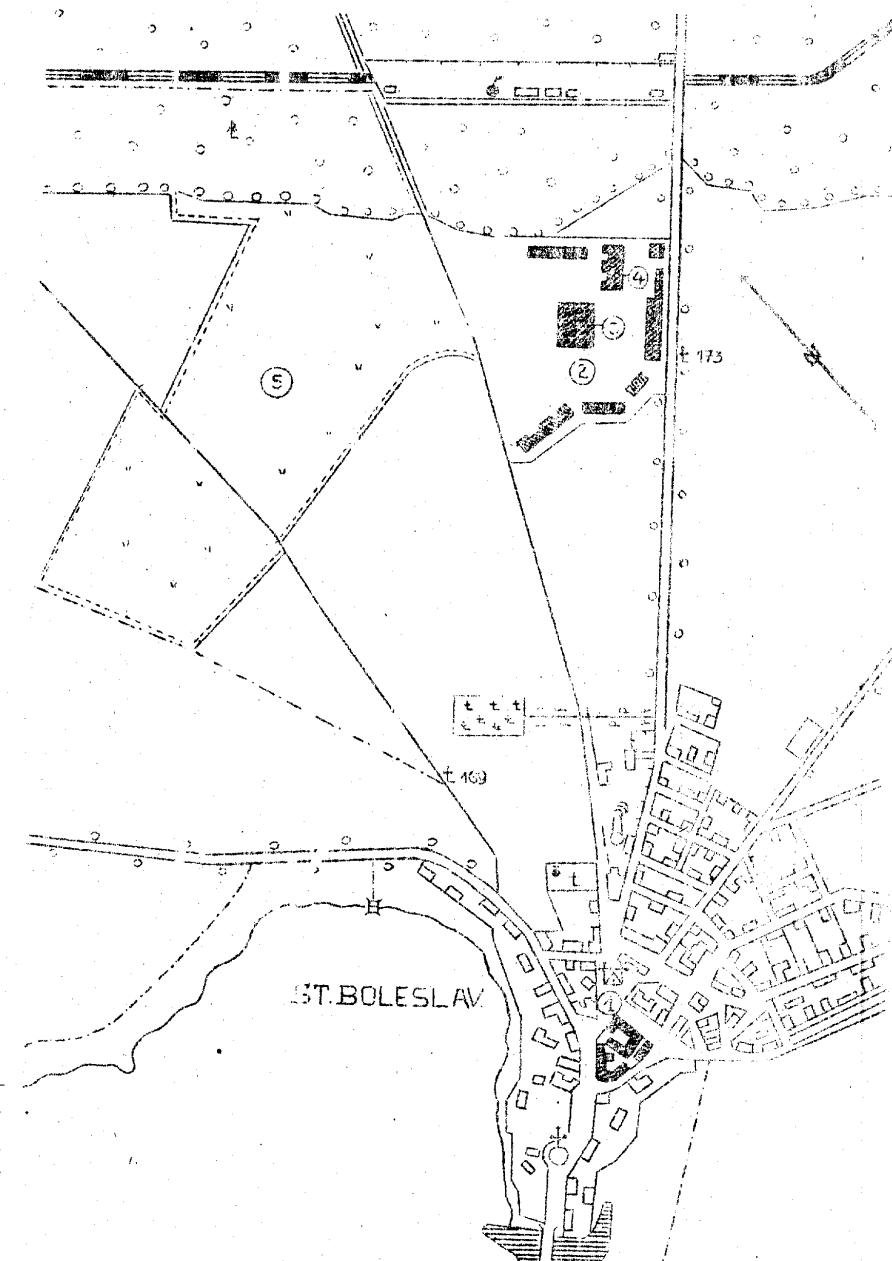
- 1 - "Pionyrka" Casernes
- 2 - Military Training Ground
- 3 - Six pontoons on the Elbe River

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ATTACHMENT A



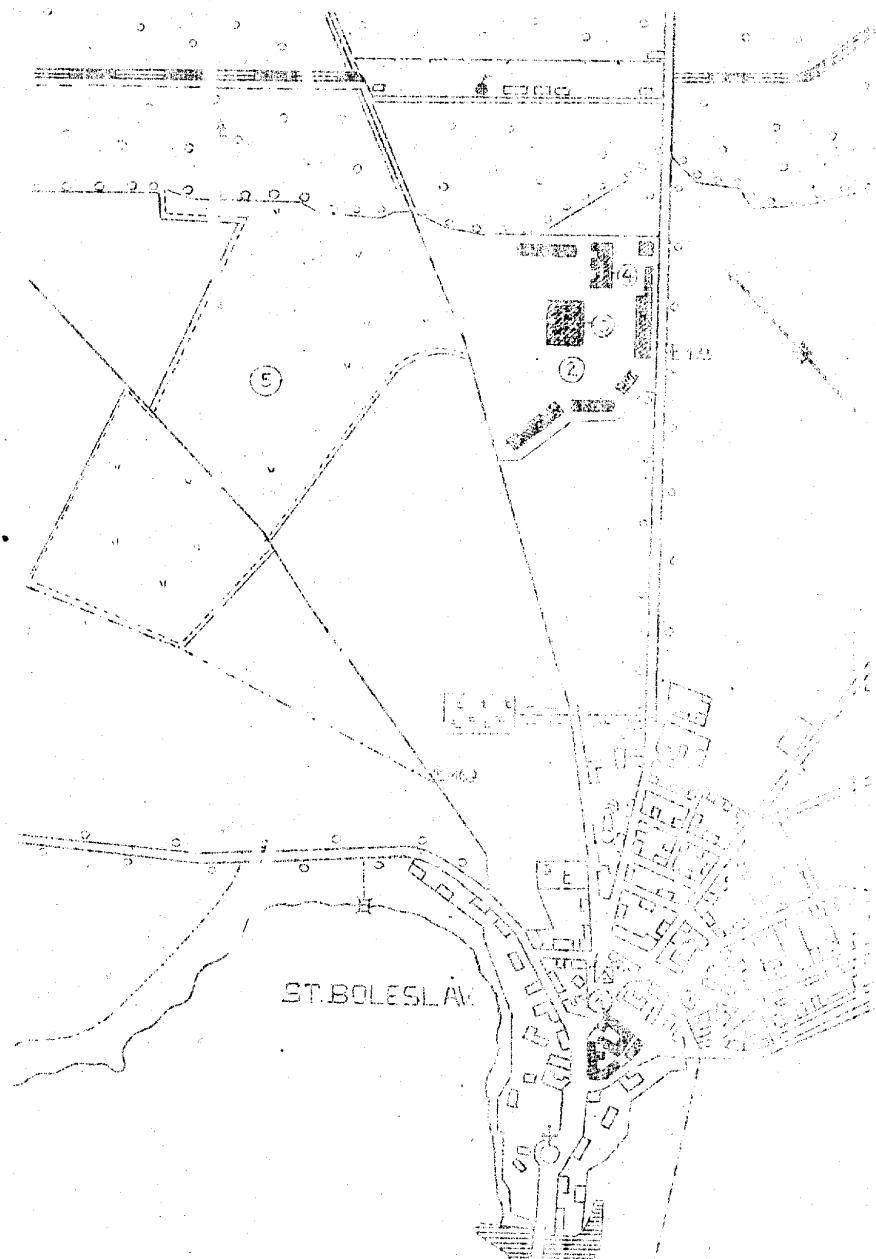
Legend:

- 1 - Old Casernes
- 2 - New Casernes
- 3 - Garages
- 4 - Large Building under Construction
- 5 - Military Training Grounds

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